

Blanco Ranger  
District  
220 E Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641



## **BOULDER LAKE TRAIL # 2262**

**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Trail Use:** Heavy  
**Length:** 2.25 miles  
**Elevation:** Starts at 8,931 feet and ends at 9,755 feet (highest point 9,760 feet)  
**Elevation Gain:** +836 feet – 12 feet = +824 feet  
**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### **Access:**

Access to the Boulder Lake Trail is located 46 miles east of Meeker.  
From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.  
Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 39 miles.  
Turn south on the Trappers Lake Road (FDR 205) for 6 miles to Himes Peak Campground.  
The Big Fish Trailhead is on the left before you enter the campground. Take the Big Fish Trail for 1 1/4 miles to where the Boulder Lake Trail branches to the west.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The Boulder Lake Trail branches to the west 1 1/4 miles from the campground over the creek. This trail winds its way for 2 1/4 miles up to Boulder Lake, lying below the cliffs forming the Flat Tops Plateau. Boulder Lake offers fishing for Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Boulder Lake Trail is within the Maroon Bell-Snowmass Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics. Know the following rules:

- **Livestock may be on trails (cows)**
- Trash -- **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

**WILDERNESS AREAS** are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHER!**

